

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena

April 1998

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed Injured		Estimated Damage Property Crops		Character of Storm
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NEW MEXICO Southeast

NMZ027>029	Guadalupe Mountains Of Eddy County - Eddy County Plains - Lea	01 0000CST			0	0			Drought
		30 2359CST							

A very dry pattern became established over southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas as the waning strong El Nino sent storm systems to other parts of the U.S. At the Midland/Odessa National Weather Service Office the rain total for April 1998 was 0.00" (not even a trace of precipitation). The month was very dry over the entire region with only a few stations reporting any measurable precipitation and those amounts were only around 1/10 inch.

TEXAS West

TXZ045>048-050>052-057>063-067>070-074>075-079>082	Gaines - Dawson - Borden - Scurry - Andrews - Martin - Howard - Van Horn/Guadalupe Mountains Area - Reeves County And Upper Trans Pecos - Loving - Winkler - Ector - Midland - Glasscock - Ward - Crane - Upton - Reagan - Davis Mountains - Pecos - Presidio Valley - Marfa Plateau - Big Bend Area - Terrell	01 0000CST			0	0			Drought
		30 2359CST							
Ector County 2 SW Odessa		08 1435CST			0	0	1K		Dry Microburst
	An apparent dust devil struck a greenhouse at a residence resulting in two smashed 4x8 foot window panes. Two other panes were lifted but not broken. Skies were sunny all day with a peak gust at ICMF of 36 mph.								
TXZ058-075	Reeves County And Upper Trans Pecos - Pecos	11 1600CST			0	0	7K		High Wind
		1740CST							

Strong gradient winds ripped off corrugated metal sections of an old lumberyard storage building in Pecos. The debris blew out into a city street requiring its closure until the winds subsided enough to safely remove the metal sheets. The peak wind at the Pecos Airport was 45 mph a couple of hours before the event. The possibility of a dust devil exists judging from the timing of the event and only moderate winds in the area.